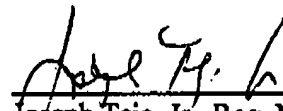## REMARKS

In this Preliminary Amendment, a typographical error in the specification is corrected. No new matter is added.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

In the specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at line 2 of page 23 with the following rewritten paragraph:

As discussed above, in one embodiment of the present invention, external signals received, via external interface 650, can be provided directly to the processor 651, which can then take any of the various actions described above based on the external signals, e.g., altering the rate at which lighting sequences are played back, branching within or between lighting sequences, altering brightness or other parameters of lighting sequences being played back, etc. In the embodiment of the invention shown in Figure 6, a cue table 630 is also provided to compare or interpret external signals received via the external interface 650, and to provide information related thereto to the processor 651. The cue table 630 may contain information relating to various inputs or conditions received by the external interface 650, as designated by the author of a lighting sequence [620] 20, to effect the execution or output of the lighting sequence. The cue table can include a list of if/then statements, other types of boolean expressions, or any other types of functions to interpret actions to be taken during execution of the lighting program based upon the information received from various inputs or conditions. Thus, if the playback device 31 compares an input to the cue table 630 and determines that a condition has been satisfied or a designated signal has been received, the playback device 31 may alter the execution or output of the lighting sequence 20 as indicated by the program, based upon information that is stored within the cue table 630 and provided to the processor 651. In the embodiment shown in Figure 6, the signals received by the external interface 650 can be provided either directly to the processor 651 or can be interpreted via the cue table 630. It should be appreciated that other configurations are possible, as the present invention is not limited to the particular implementation shown in Figure 6. For example, the signals received by the external interface 650 can, in another embodiment of the invention, not be sourced directly to the processor 651, such that they can always be interpreted via the cue table 630. Alternatively, in another embodiment of the invention, the cue table 630 can be eliminated.

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